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**MOUNT TEMPLE**  
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Say Vessel Was Fifty  
Miles Away From Sink-

## PASSENGERS TELL DIFFERENT STORY

**Been Stricken Ever Go Down,  
and Ship Is Believed to Have  
Been But Five Miles  
Away—Officer Lowe's  
Testimony.**

Washington, April 24.—Harold C. Lowe, fifth officer of the sunken Titanic, to-day told the Senate investigating committee his part in the struggle of the survivors for life following the catastrophe. His testimony developed that, with a volunteer crew he rescued four men from the water.

By towing it astern of his, and too  
of twenty men and one woman from  
the bottom of an overturned boat.  
Every one of those under his charge  
he landed safely on the Carpathia.

From first to last Lowe's story  
showed that he played the mar  
Ordered away in charge of lifebo  
-o. 14, he packed it to its capacity  
of the top deck, and fearing th  
he sent it to jump into it while  
it was descending, but put up a fusil  
from his revolver. Once afloat, h  
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It was descending, kept up a fusillade of machine-guns. Once aloft, he took charge of the rescue of the aircraft which eventually were picked up by the rescue ship without the loss of a life.

**Telegrams Exchanged.**

Competing in interest with the day's timorously worded exchanges of telegrams between Senator Alden Smith, chairman, and the acting Premier of Canada, George E. Foster.

The latter told of the docking of the steamer Mount Temple, at St. John's, where passengers, among whom he claimed to have seen the Titanic's men. It was believed that the Mount

the steamer Mount Temple, at St. John, N. B., with passengers aboard who claimed to have seen the Titanic. It was believed that the Mount Temple was the ship that was only five miles from the White Star liner when she took her final plunge.

Senator Smith has requested that the depositions of the officers and crew of the Mount Temple be sent to him. In addition, he accepted the offer of Dr. F. C. Quitzman, of Toronto, to appear before the committee. Dr. Quitzman was one of the passengers

but did not arrive at her position until 4:30 A. M., when could not see Titanic in light. Saw no sign of ship or boat. Cruised around position until message from Carpathia at 5:11 A. M. that she had picked up twenty boatloads and that Titanic had sunk. Received another message at 5:50 from Carpathia to need to stand by, as nothing more could be done. Under these circum-

stances does not seem necessary to detain boat due to sail Friday evening. If considered necessary, commission can be appointed to take captain's evidence. Will no doubt be examined later by British commission."

**Asks for Depositions.**

In reply, Senator Smith dispatched the following:

"Telegram received. I will greatly

appreciate it if depositions of captain of the vessel Mount Temple, which is scheduled to sail from St. John, N. B., to-morrow (Friday), could be taken by commissioners, as suggested by you and forwarded to me at Washington relative to the movements of his ship on Sunday evening, April 14, stating relative positions to Titanic and Carpathia, together with a detailed report of all wireless messages sent and

The committee also received a telegram signed by J. H. Moore, master of the Mount Temple; A. H. Sargent, chief officer; H. H. Heald, second officer, and J. Durrant, the Marconi operator, dated at West St. John, N. B., today, practically repeating the information contained in the Premier's message, and adding that the Mount Tem-

ple did not see the Titanic's lights. At 6:50 A. M. the Mount Temple sighted the Carpathia and later the Californian. At 8 o'clock she sighted the Russian steamer Birma coming from the south and west. The names of the passengers who claimed they saw the lights of the Titanic, the message said, were not known.

**Story of Fredrick Fleet.**  
 Frederick Fleet was called to the

stand as the first witness of the day when the hearing was resumed, at 10:16 o'clock.

Senator William Alden Smith, the chairman, announced after a meeting with his colleagues that the British witnesses would be called as rapidly as possible before any more passengers were examined. Frederick Fleet's lookout on the Titanic was recalled

as the first witness of the day. Senator Burton asked:

"When you were on the Titanic were your eyes examined?"

"Yes."

"How often?"

"Frequently."

"Can you distinguish colors?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you when in the Titanic?"

"No, I saw no light until I got to the lifeboat. Then I saw a bright light on the forward bow. I don't know what it was. Mr. Lightoller saw it before we got off the Titanic and told us to pull toward it."

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